

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (amended) A substantially anhydrous ointment consisting essentially of acetylsalicylic acid and a base selected from the group consisting of [containing Aspirin which is characterized in using] hydrocarbon gel, [and/or] vaseline and a mixture thereof without any solubilizing agent for said acetylsalicylic acid [as a base].

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Claim 2 (amended) [A stable] The ointment of claim 1, wherein the [containing Aspirin and a] base is [consisting of at least one compound selected from] hydrocarbon gel [and] or vaseline.

Claim 3 (amended) The ointment of claim [2] 1, wherein the content of [Aspirin] acetylsalicylic acid is in the range of about 0.001 to 30% by weight per total [amount] weight.

Please add the following claims:

--4. The ointment of claim 2, wherein the content of acetylsalicylic acid is in the range of about 0.001 to 30% by weight per total weight.--

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~~5. The ointment of claim 1, wherein the content of acetylsalicylic acid is in the range of about 0.01 to 20% by weight per total weight.--~~

~~--6. The ointment of claim 1, wherein the content of acetylsalicylic acid is in the range of about 0.05 to 15% by weight per total weight.--~~

~~--7. The ointment of claim 1, which does not contain an additive selected from the group consisting of an organic acid, an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol, water and a surfactant.--~~

~~--8. The ointment of claim 1, wherein the base is vaseline.--~~

~~--9. The ointment of claim 8, wherein the vaseline is selected from the group consisting of white vaseline and yellow vaseline.--~~

~~--10. The ointment of claim 1, wherein the base is hydrocarbon gel.--~~